

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: December 15, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:35 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman  
Scott Schneider  
Lincoln Plowman  
Sherron Franklin  
Lynn McWhirter  
William Oliver  
Steve Talley

#### Absent Members

### AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 765, 2004 - approves the Mayor's appointment of Robert B. Turner as the Director of the Department of Public Safety  
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 746, 2004 - approves an increase of \$131,996 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) for a one-time reimbursement for nine (9) officers assigned to the Indianapolis, Metropolitan Gang Safe Streets Task Force, funded by a grant from Federal Bureau of Investigation  
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 747, 2004 - approves an increase of \$105,000 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) to hire deputies, pay overtime and purchase law enforcement equipment, funded by a Federal Law Enforcement Block Grant #8  
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 748, 2004 - approves an increase of \$17,993 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) to reimburse one Officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration and overtime for Safe Street Task Force, funded by a grant from the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 749, 2004 - approves an increase of \$29,333 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) for a one-time reimbursement for two (2) officers assigned to the Indianapolis Violent Crimes Major Incident Safe Streets Task Force, funded by a grant from the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 750, 2004 - approves a transfer of \$63,053 in the 2004 budget of the Marion Superior Court, Juvenile Division (State and Federal Grants Fund) to transfer money between characters to use the remaining funds, funding from Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant #5  
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, December 15, 2004. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with the following members present: Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, Steve Talley, and Scott Schneider.

Chair Moriarty Adams introduced Jerry McCorry to the Public Safety Committee.

Jerry McCorry, Public Safety Advisor to the Mayor, stated that he served as the Police Chief for 12 years in Merrillville Indiana, and is now retired. Then Governor O'Bannon asked him if he would head the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving and the Governor's Commission for A Drug Free Indiana. Mr. McCorry agreed to do so. He said that the Mayor recently offered him the position of Public Safety Advisor a few months ago. Mr. McCorry stated that he is very impressed with the public safety efforts here in Marion County and he looks forward to working with the City County Council.

PROPOSAL NO. 765, 2004 - approves the Mayor's appointment of Robert B. Turner as the Director of the Department of Public Safety

Robert Turner, Director of Public Safety, stated that he was a police officer for 32 years and has been the Director of Public Safety for the last five years. He stated that recently the City of Indianapolis has had a lot of challenges in terms of funding. One reason might be due to the extensive duties associated with homeland security. Another reason may be because the crime rate has gone up due to an increase in the population of the city. Director Turner stated that the jail-overcrowding situation might be another cause of the crime rate increasing. Overall, Indianapolis is still one of the safest cities in the United States due to the great efforts of the Public Safety system.

Councillor Oliver stated that he appreciated Mr. Turner and all that he had done with Public Safety. He stated that he is in full support of the reappointment of Mr. Turner as the Director of Public Safety. Councillor Oliver asked what kinds of tools would be used to deal with Meth Labs here in the city. Mr. Turner stated the Meth labs are mobile and are everywhere, because all the products used to make Meth are here in the state. He said that law enforcement keeps a close watch on the products that are used to make this drug and who purchases these materials. Meth Labs are HAZMAT sites due to the fact that these places can and will explode and cause hazardous damage if not approached correctly. Law enforcement will have to use HAZMAT suits to go into a Meth lab and it will be very expensive to clean these sites up. Mr. Turner stated that law enforcement has taken different steps to prepare for these incidents.

Councillor Schneider stated that he is in support of this ordinance and stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Turner regarding Public Safety.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked for an update about IPD's patrol rifle program. Mr. Turner stated that there were problems at the gun range on 56th street with fire rounds from handguns getting out of the range. These patrol rifles are more powerful than the handguns, and IPD's range is not equipped to handle these rifles. Mr. Turner stated that training for the use of these rifles would have to take place

at the military range at Camp Atterbury. It is at least 1000 feet long and would be perfect for the training in the use of the patrol rifles. IPD and officers at the range are working out a schedule to do the training. Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked how many of the assault rifles are modified from automatic to semiautomatic. Mr. Turner stated that he is not sure but would get the answer. Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked how many police officers have signed up to participate in the patrol rifles program. Mr. Turner stated that he is not sure but he would get the answer.

Chief Barker stated that he has worked with Mr. Turner, and Mr. Turner is a great leader with a great vision for Public Safety. He urged the committee to favorably consider Mr. Turner's reappointment as Director of Public Safety.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 765, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

{Clerks note: consent was given to hear Proposal Nos. 746 through 749, 2004 together.}

Major Ron Chappell, MCSD, stated that three of the four proposals are grants to pay for reimbursement for overtime with the different taskforces provided by MCSD.

PROPOSAL NO. 746, 2004 - approves an increase of \$131,996 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) for a one-time reimbursement for nine (9) officers assigned to the Indianapolis, Metropolitan Gang Safe Streets Task Force, funded by a grant from Federal Bureau of Investigation

Major Chappell stated that Proposal No. 746, 2004 appropriates \$131,996 from an FBI grant that is from the MCSD, and this would pay for reimbursement of overtime and fringes for the nine deputies that are assigned to the Indianapolis Gang Safe Streets Task Force. This task force would patrol for gang activity in Marion County.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 746, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 748, 2004 - approves an increase of \$17,993 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) to reimburse one Officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration and overtime for Safe Street Task Force, funded by a grant from the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Major Chappell said that this proposal is for reimbursement for overtime and fringes for one year that were paid to the deputy assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration. This is the Safe Street Task Force.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 748, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 749, 2004 - approves an increase of \$29,333 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) for a one-time reimbursement for two (2) officers assigned to the

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Indianapolis Violent Crimes Major Incident Safe Streets Task Force, funded by a grant from the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Major Chappell stated that this grant is also from the FBI and it would be used for reimbursement for overtime and fringes of two deputies on the Indianapolis Violent Crimes Major Incident Safe Streets Task Force. These two deputies' primary duties are to make arrests involving violent crimes such as robberies, rape, and murders.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 749, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 747, 2004 - approves an increase of \$105,000 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) to hire deputies, pay overtime and purchase law enforcement equipment, funded by a Federal Law Enforcement Block Grant #8

Major Chappell stated that Proposal No. 747, 2004 is part of the IPD block grant #8. Part of this funding will be used to hire two special deputies for the crime prevention program. This will allow two merit deputies to be assigned back to road patrol fulltime. Another part of the grant will be used to pay some overtime for holiday patrols in some of the shopping center areas. The remainder of the grant will be used to purchase some law enforcement equipment for the department; bullet-proof vests to replace vests that are eight to ten years old, and cameras for the Domestic Violence Intervention Group that does investigations. Major Chappell stated that this is a grant for one year and at the end of that year the two newly hired special deputies will have to be evaluated due to the block grant #9 being less.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 747, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 750, 2004 - approves a transfer of \$63,053 in the 2004 budget of the Marion Superior Court, Juvenile Division (State and Federal Grants Fund) to transfer money between characters to use the remaining funds, funding from Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant #5

Chairwoman Moriarty Adam congratulated Judge Payne on the new position of the Director of the Indiana Department of Child Services.

Judge James Payne stated that this is the sixth year of the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant #5 (JABG) and there are funds that are not used and he is asking for a transfer of these funds. Lesa Dietrick, Coordinator of JABG block Grant #5 stated that this funding was appropriated by Congress in late 1997 and it was a state grant administered by Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Marion County receives its JABG funding through the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC). She said that the detail for this request is to transfer funds between characters to pay expenses. The funds are coming from supplies and will go to personal services. These expenses occurred within the round five grant period.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 750, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0

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Judge Payne stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the Public Safety Committee and speak for children and families that cannot speak for themselves. He stated that there are three things that the City

County Council needs to prepare for in the future. The first is that there is going to be a huge problem with Crystal Meth in the community. We need to find out everything there is to know regarding prevention and awareness because this drug is so toxic and so destructive. The second is to become more aware and involved with the Hispanic population. They are very religious and family oriented, gang-related activity is starting to come about within their communities. The reason why is they are not being protected by the public safety system, and they form gangs to protect themselves. The third is that the MCSD will no longer provide cars, maintenance, or gas to the Juvenile Court Division. Judge Payne said that he understands the timing and the finance of this situation but as of January 01, 2005 the Juvenile Court Division will have to stop monitoring kids on home detention, or kids that are not where they are supposed to be. There are 400 plus kids on home detention and there are over 100 kids that are on electronic monitoring devices and when these services are taken away the juvenile division will no longer have the ability to monitor these juveniles. There will be two options for the juveniles: either lock them up or let them go. Judge Payne stated that he is willing to sit down with everyone and try and come up with a plan to solve this problem.

[Clerks note: Councillor Schneider left at 6:01 PM]

Presentation: Life Effectiveness Training Program (LET). Jay Carrigan

Jay Carrigan, Administrator of LET, stated that the LET program began in 1969 by Arthur Pratt in the Marion County Jail. The purpose of the program is to reduce re-arrest among the detainees. Mr. Carrigan stated that the sooner the detainees start the training, the less ingrained the addictions will become. Preparation for discharge begins the first day a detainee comes in to the LET program.

Key points are:

- The LET program will give the detainees an average of 90 hours of substance abuse treatment.
- Without any treatment, 75% of people that have been arrested on substance abuse charges will be rearrested within two years.
- The last survey done by Community Corrections stated that only 35% of those going through LET were rearrested for substance abuse.
- There are about 450 to 500 people that go into the LET program per year.
- The cost of the LET program is under \$200,000 compared to an average \$600,000 for similar programs across the country.

New Business:

Councillor Plowman explained Exhibit A:

[Clerks note: Exhibit A can be found on file in the council's office with the original set of minutes.]

Councillor Plowman stated that there is a serious problem with the overcrowding of the jails and it needs to be dealt with as soon as possible. He stated that there are now five inmates that have been released because of jail overcrowding that went out and murdered someone. The statistics show that 32- 36 % of

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the inmates that are let out of jail get rearrested for other crimes. Councillor Plowman stated that the City County Council must do something to address this terrible problem.

Councillor Oliver asked if any of the inmates that were released are out on bond. Councillor Plowman answered in the negative. He stated that the people that are out on bond have the right to be out, but the inmates that are released due to jail overcrowding should not be out on the streets.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams stated that the reason the jail is in this position is because the City-County Council did not act on this problem in the past. She stated that the Council will act on this problem because there is no other choice.

Councillor McWhirter asked if the statistics were back for the Arrestee Processing Center. Chairwoman Moriarty Adams stated she was not sure and she would find out from the Marion County Justice Agency Director.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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